

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Annual Compliance Review, 2016

Docket No. ACR2016

DAVID B. POPKIN MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3001.21(a), I respectfully request that the Presiding Officer issue an Information Request to obtain responses to the questions stated in this motion. Responses are certain to aid the Commission's annual evaluation of the Postal Service's compliance with the provisions of 39 U.S.C. § 3652. Related regulations regarding the reporting of information pertaining to customer access to postal services are set forth in 39 C.F.R. § 3055.91.

Both of these questions request data that have been provided in previous Annual Compliance Determination dockets.¹ Both of these questions have been asked in largely identical form as part of previous Annual Compliance Review [ACR]. Continued reporting of this information enables important long-term analyses of the postal network and customer access to postal services. Similar past information requests suggest that these are routine and valuable regulatory sets of data.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

1. Please provide a copy of the Collection Point Management System [CPMS] database as of the end of FY2016. Please provide the data in ten separate Excel spreadsheets for the first digit of the facility ZIP Code such as 200-299 and

¹ Library References USPS-FY14-43 and USPS-FY15-45 contain the CPMS data at the end of the Fiscal Year in question.

sorted in numerical order of the collection box ten digit number consisting of the facility's ZIP Code as the first five digits.

2. Please provide the volume data collected in each of the blue collection boxes in those instances where a concerted effort was made at the Area or Headquarters level to obtain the data. If the test was conducted at the Headquarters Level, please provide the data in ten separate Excel spreadsheets for the first digit of the facility ZIP Code such as 200-299 and sorted in numerical order of the collection box ten digit number consisting of the facility's ZIP Code as the first five digits. If the test was conducted at the Area level, please provide the data in separate Excel spreadsheets for each area and sorted in numerical order of the collection box ten digit number consisting of the facility's ZIP Code as the first five digits. In either case, data from the Collection Box Management System [CPMS] should be shown along with separate data for each day of the test.

Evaluators of the Report need the CPMS listing and volume data [1] to evaluate the trend in collection times toward earlier hours in high-volume collection boxes and [2] to monitor the extent to which the Postal Service no longer provides weekday collection times at 5:00 PM or later for collection boxes that receive a weekday average of at least 100 pieces of mail, after the Postal Service removed this requirement from section 322.1 of the *Postal Operations Manual* [see *Postal Bulletin* 22431, 12-24-15, at 12 and 16].

By comparison of the previous year's data with the data requested this year, it will allow for the evaluation of collection boxes that now have earlier collection times or boxes that have been removed from service. A proposed third question will show the trend in adding and removing blue collection boxes – one of the significant methods that the public has to place mail into service.

PROPOSED THIRD QUESTION TO THE POSTAL SERVICE

3. Please indicate the number of blue collection box locations that
 - a. were in service at the start of FY16,
 - b. were in service at the end of FY16,
 - c. were removed from service during FY16, and
 - d. were placed into service during FY16.

The data should be shown with separate entries by District and combined by Areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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